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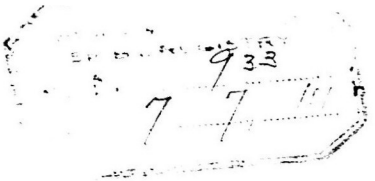

July 5, 41.

Consul-General for the Netherlands,

S H A N G H A I.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 2908-496, dated June 15, 1941, and to inform you the number of Russians residing in Shanghai totals about 25,000, which figure includes about 1,200 Soviet citizens.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K.M.BOURNE

Commissioner of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

Special Branch Statistical File No. ..... Date July 4, 1941.

SUBJECT: Communication dated 25-6-41 from the Netherlands Consulate-General requesting information regarding numerical strength of local Russian community.

No accurate statistical data are available regarding the numerical strength of the local Russian community. In some of the recent articles in the local press dealing with the affairs of that community the number of Russian residents in Shanghai was variously estimated at 30,000, 35,000 and in one instance even at 40,000. However, information obtained from more or less authoritative sources indicates that the above figures are incorrect.

In April, 1938 the reorganized Russian Emigrants Committee in Shanghai commenced a re-registration of local Russian emigrants. Up to December, 1940 a total of 17.881 persons were registered comprised as follows:-

Men		6,912
Women		8,366
Boys	under 18 years of age	1,343
Girls	under 18 years of age	1,260
	Total	17.881

Comm. of Police.
Sir:
Information
A. C. (Sp. Br.)

During the first six months of the current year additional 1,566 persons were registered (618 men, 779 women, 92 boys and 77 girls) bringing the total number of Russian emigrants registered to-date to, roughly, 20.000.

To this must be added a small number of emigrants of Ukrainian origin who are registered with the Ukrainian Emigrants Committee, a certain number of naturalized Chinese citizens of Russian origin who are under

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Station. File No..... Date.....

SUBJECT:

no obligation to register with the Committee and a number of Russian emigrants who for various reasons have so far failed to apply for registration at the Committee. It is believed that the last named group is still fairly large.

In view of the fact that, according to passport regulations enforced by the Japanese authorities, all Russian emigrants arriving in Shanghai from the North for a short sojourn must also register with the Russian Emigrants Committee, a certain deduction should be made from the total figure furnished by the Russian Emigrants Committee in order to determine the number of Russian nationals actually residing in Shanghai.

Unlike the emigrant section of the Russian community, no official data are available regarding the numerical strength of the Soviet section. Recently a local Soviet newspaper published an interview with Mr. Zephiroff, Chairman of the Soviet Citizens' Club in Shanghai, in which he stated that there are over 600 Soviet citizens in this city and in addition about 1,500 of emigrants who have applied for Soviet citizenship and hold certificates to that effect. Communicated with in connection with this matter Mr. Zephiroff confirmed this information. It would appear therefore that the number of actual Soviet citizens in Shanghai, families included, cannot be more than 1,200 .

All things considered, it would appear that the total number of Russian residents in Shanghai does not exceed 25,000.

A. Prokopiev

A.C. (Special Branch). D.I.

June 26, 41.

Your Ref: 2908-496.

Consul-General for the Netherlands,

S H A N G H A I.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated June 25, 1941, and in reply have to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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K. M. BOURNE

Commissioner of Police.

CSC.

Special Branch

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Sir,

I have the honour to request you to let me know, if possible, the number of Russians at present residing in Shanghai and especially the proportion between Soviet citizens and so called White Russians.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Consul-General.

Major K.M.Bourne, M.C.,
Commissioner of Police,
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
SPECIAL BRANCH REGISTRY
No. 933
8th July 1941

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.N.933 of the 5th instant regarding the number of Russians residing in Shanghai and to thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Consul-General

Major R.M.Bourne, M.C.,
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